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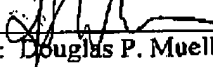
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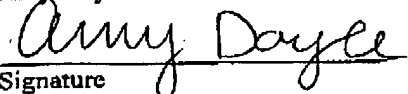
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Dear Commissioner:

Attorney for Appellant, Karuna Ojanen, Reg. No. 32484, spoke with the Examiner Sharick Naqi on April 3, 2008 regarding the status of the application having a six-month response period that expires on April 5, 2008. In the interview, Examiner Naqi represented that the final rejection of the pending claims had been overcome by submission of verified translations of the priority documents, Japanese Patent Application Nos. 2002-193844 and 2002-293845. Examiner Naqi further represented that he would withdraw the finality of the rejection of the claims but that he requested a new search whose results were not yet available. Subsequently, he advised filing a Notice of Appeal or a Request for Continued Examination in order to preclude abandonment.

Respectfully submitted,

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